

CONTINUING FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD THE AUTHOR-  
ITY TO FILL VACANCIES OCCURRING IN GOVERN-  
MENT OWNED TEMPORARY HOUSING

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Mr. SPENCE, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, submitted  
the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 4395]

The Committee on Banking and Currency, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4395) to amend the act entitled "An act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes," approved October 14, 1940, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That section 604 of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940 as amended is hereby amended by striking out "July 1, 1951" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 15, 1951".

Last year in the Housing Act of 1950 provision was made for the addition of a new title VI to the so-called Lanham Act (Public Law 849, 76th Cong.). This new title VI relates to disposition of Government-owned housing and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Housing and Home Finance Administrator. One of the provisions of section 604 of the new title VI of the Lanham Act, as amended, states that with respect to temporary housing remaining under the jurisdiction of the Administrator on land under his control, the Administrator shall permit vacancies, occurring or continuing after July 1, 1951, to be filled only by transfer of tenants of other accommodations in the same locality being removed as required by the act.

This bill, as amended, would simply postpone for a 45-day period, operation of the above-described prohibition on filling such vacancies

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as might occur in such housing. This would be accomplished by the substitution of the August 15, 1951, date for the July 1, 1951, date that appears in section 604 of said act.

This disposition provision, when enacted into law, contemplated orderly removal of temporary housing, acquired by the Government during World War II, in a manner to minimize the impact of such removal on housing conditions in the community where such temporary housing is located. Since then many of these communities have experienced such an influx of population, due to expanded defense production, that there are critical shortages of housing accommodations. Under these conditions, the committee is strongly of the opinion that the prohibition in existing law on the use of such accommodation after July 1, 1951, should be set aside for a period of 45 days, particularly in view of the fact that this problem is one to which attention would be given in a housing bill presently before the committee.

### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as passed by the Senate, are shown as follows (new matter is printed in italics):

AN ACT To expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes,  
approved October 14, 1940, as amended

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### TITLE VI

#### HOUSING DISPOSITION

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*SEC. 611. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President is authorized to extend, for such period or periods as he shall specify, the time within which any action is required or permitted to be taken by the Administrator or others under the provisions of this title (or any contract entered into pursuant to this title), upon a determination by him, after considering the needs of national defense and the effect of such extension upon the general housing situation and the national economy, that such extension is in the public interest.*

